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December 3, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE: (312) 886-4071

Mr. John J. O'Grady
USEPA
Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard, HSRL-6J
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Vacant lot at northeast corner of Commonwealth Avenue
and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, North Chicago

Dear Mr. O'Grady,

This letter serves as a follow up to our original letter which is attached. As requested, we have come up with dollar figures for our project. The numbers are estimates and may change depending on the condition of the property and other unanticipated factors.

Please find our estimates below:

1. construct a retention pond for the city to ease the residential flooding problems-\$75,000.00
2. install appropriate storm piping (with manholes) which will enclose a portion of Pettibone Creek preventing future contamination-\$130,000.00
3. construct a truck shop, including a foundation for this building, which will also aid in prevention of future contamination-\$400,000.00
4. pave the property for parking lot-\$500,000.00
5. landscape the property for beautification-\$50,000.00

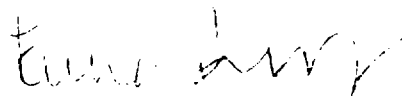
Therefore, the total cost of this project to EMCO will be approximately \$1,155,000.00.

Again, it is our hope that the EPA will approve our plans.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

EMCO CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC.



Laura Gurvey
General Counsel

cc: Tom Krueger

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EDWARD POLEN
President

September 15, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE: (312) 886-4071

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USEPA
Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard, HSRL-6J
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: Vacant lot at northeast corner of Commonwealth Avenue
and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, North Chicago

Dear Mr. O'Grady,

Pursuant to our conversation yesterday with the EPA and the City of North Chicago, we are forwarding this letter to inform the EPA about our plans for the aforementioned property. As discussed, EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc. (EMCO) would like to purchase the property from Stack Realty and the EPA. Once we purchase the land, we intend to donate a portion of the property to the City of North Chicago. Specifically, we will:

1. provide funds for construction of a retention pond for the city to ease the residential flooding problems,
2. install appropriate storm piping which will enclose a portion of Pettibone Creek preventing future contamination,
3. construct a truck shop, including a foundation for this building, which will also aid in prevention of future contamination,
4. pave the property for parking lot, and
5. landscape the property for beautification.

By occupying the property we prevent further blight in this area while eliminating an area in the city where there was a problem with security and vagrancy. This area will also become a revenue generating piece of property with value to the city. By allowing EMCO to move its truck shop to this area, it allows EMCO to expand its horizons while creating new job opportunities for residents in the city.

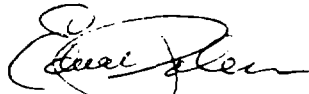
With regard to the retention pond, we were informed yesterday that the city does not have a budget to buy the property or build a retention pond. EMCO looks forward to providing this public benefit as we consider it our desire to give back to the community when possible. In addition, the creation of a public-private business partnership is positive for the community. The more we work together, the more successful we can make the city.

It is our hope that the EPA will approve our plans.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,

EMCO CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC.



Edward Polen

cc: Tom Krueger